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Ladies and Gentlemen, I will not recapitulate the arguments you have (no doubt) received to date on the inadequacy of the proposed Antitrust settlement with Microsoft -- I would simply like to add my voice to the chorus. That Microsoft has indulged in anti-competitive business practices is of no doubt -- shamelessly and unapologetically, at that. None of what has transpired has changed the corporate culture in which this behavior is ingrained. The illegal practices of which Microsoft has been deemed guilty are the merely the tip of the technological iceberg, as this company attempts to make every open standard its own by leveraging its monopolistic power and enormous financial resources. The current settlement proposal adequately addresses neither remediation nor punishment. Please do not allow Microsoft to evade the spirit of Justice by providing software and computers in lieu of a direct monetary penalty -- this has the effect of more firmly seating the hook in the mouth of their prey, not to mention giving them greater access into the educational market, one of the few arenas that they do not already dominate! I frankly doubt the adequacy of the settlement amount (even if paid in cash) to punish a company of Microsoft's size. To do it in the fashion proposed is simply to punish the fox by giving him the key to another henhouse. As a medical and computer professional who is interested in maintaining and fostering innovation, wide access and open standards, I deplore the conduct of this company and fear for the industry's future if this kind of behavior is not controlled. Milan V. Pantelic, MD  
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